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Houghton
John
Meehan
Myrick
Neal
Norwood
Owens
Pryce (OH)
Radanovich

Riley
Scarborough
Schiff
Schumer
Smith (OR)
Stark
Towns
White

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So the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF LEGISLATION WHICH MAY BE CONSIDERED UNDER SUSPENSION OF THE RULES TODAY AND TOMORROW

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 314, I wish to announce the following suspensions which may be considered today, Wednesday, November 12, 1997, and Thursday, November 13, 1997:

S. 1519, ISTEIA;

H.R. 2979, a bill to authorize acquisition of certain real property for the Library of Congress;

Senate Concurrent Resolution 61, authorizing printing of a revised edition of the publication entitled "Our Flag";

Senate Concurrent Resolution 62, authorizing printing of the brochure entitled "How Our Laws Are Made";

Senate Concurrent Resolution 63, authorizing printing of the pamphlet entitled "The Constitution of the United States of America";

House Concurrent Resolution 190, authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for the congressional Christmas celebration;

S. 1378, a bill to extend the authorization of use of official mail in the location and recovery of missing children;

S. 1507, a bill to amend the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 1998 to make certain technical corrections;

H.R. 2709, Iran Missile Proliferation Sanctions Act of 1997;

H.R. 764, Bankruptcy Amendments of 1997;

H.R. 2440, a bill to make technical amendments to section 10 of title 9, United States Code;

House Joint Resolution 95, granting the consent of Congress to the Chickasaw Trail Economic Development Compact;

House Joint Resolution 96, granting the consent and approval of Congress for the State of Maryland, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the District of Columbia to amend the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Regulation Compact;

H.R. 1753, a bill to provide for the establishment of not less than 2,500 Boys and Girls Clubs of America facilities by the year 2000;

S. 1228, 50 States Commemorative Coin Program Act;

H.R. 1271, FAA Research, Engineering, and Development Authorization Act of 1997;

H.R. 1658, Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation Act Amendments of 1997;

H.R. 1604, a bill to provide for the division, use, and distribution of judgment funds of the Ottawa and Chipewewa Indians;

S. 1079, an act to permit the mineral leasing of Indian land located within the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation;

S. 731, a bill to extend the legislative authority for construction of the National Peace Garden memorial;

S. 1354, a bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide for the designation of common carriers not subject to the jurisdiction of a State commission as eligible telecommunications carriers;

S. 1505, a bill to make technical and conforming amendments to the Museum and Library Services;

S. 1417, a bill to provide for the design, construction, furnishing and equipping of a Center for Performing Arts within the complex known as the New Mexico Hispanic Cultural Center;

H.R. 867, Adoption Promotion Act of 1997;

House Concurrent Resolution 137, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives concerning the urgent need for an international criminal tribunal to try members of the Iraqi regime for crimes against humanity;

House Resolution 282, congratulating the Association of South East Asian Nations;

House Resolution 231, urging the President to make clear to the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam the commitment of the American people in support of democracy and religious and economic freedom for the people of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam;

House Concurrent Resolution 172, expressing the sense of Congress in support of efforts to foster friendship and cooperation between the United States and Mongolia;

House Concurrent Resolution 130, a concurrent resolution concerning the situation in Kenya;

And House Resolution 273, condemning the military intervention by the Government of Angola into the Republic of the Congo.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SUNUNU). Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 6:45 p.m.

Accordingly (at 6 o'clock and 11 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until approximately 6:45 p.m.

□ 1853

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro

tempore [Mr. SNOWBARGER] at 6 o'clock and 53 minutes p.m.

AMENDING THE RULES OF THE HOUSE TO REPEAL EXCEPTION TO REQUIREMENT THAT PUBLIC COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS BE OPEN TO ALL MEDIA

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 301 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 301

Resolved, That (a) clause 3(f) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives is amended by repealing subdivision (2) and by redesignating subdivisions (3) through (13) as subdivisions (2) through (12), respectively.

(b) Clause 2(g)(1) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives is amended by striking " , except as provided by clause 3(f)(2) "

(d) The first sentence of clause 3(e) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives is amended by striking " , except as provided in paragraph (f)(2) "

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Florida [Mr. GOSS] is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, for purposes of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. MOAKLEY], pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purposes of debate only.

Mr. Speaker, on this very important subject, to me this subject, Mr. Speaker, is a question of truth and do we believe that the American people have the right to discern the truth.

House Resolution 301 is a straightforward rule. It is a straightforward rule change to repeal the exception to the requirement that public committee proceedings be open to all media, all types of media. This resolution continues the process we began in 1995 of opening up our committee proceedings to enhance public scrutiny and greater accountability. The resolution repeals clause 3(f)(2) of House rule XI, known inside this building as the camera rule.

As Members recall, when we began the 104th Congress under new management for the first time in 40 years, we instituted an openness policy that said that committee meetings and hearings that are open to the public shall also be open to the media. This sunshine rule reaffirms the right of the public to have all types of media cover most of our proceedings, making it clear that such coverage is no longer treated as a privilege to be granted and taken away at the discretion of a committee or subcommittee.

The only deviation from this policy has been the exception found in clause 3(f)(2) giving subpoenaed witnesses the absolute right to decide, for whatever reason, to pull the plug on certain types of media coverage of their testimony at an otherwise public hearing.

Mr. Speaker, this exception to the sunshine rule is a holdover from another era. We heard testimony in the